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FOIA # 2012-126

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Dear Mr. Jones:

This responds to your request to INTERPOL Washington, U. S. National Central Bureau (USNCB) pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act/ Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) for information concerning journalist Hamza Kashgari. We received your request on May 30, 2012. Please refer to the above FOIA number assigned to your request in any additional correspondence.

A search of the USNCB system of records and administrative files produced no records. Since we located no records, either no records ever existed in our system of records, or if a criminal investigative record existed in the USNCB system of records and the criminal investigation was closed on any date up through 1999, those records would have been destroyed and would no longer be available for retrieval. You may be interested to know that the USNCB investigative records are retained only for a period of seven (7) years from the date a case is closed.

If you are not satisfied with the USNCB's action on your request, you may appeal by writing to:

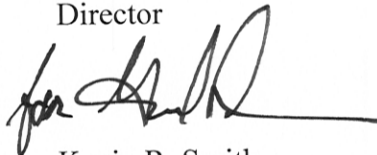
Co-Director
Office of Information Policy
U.S. Department of Justice
Suite 11050
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You must make your appeal in writing and it must be received by the Office of Information Policy within 60-days of the date of the letter denying your request. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Gordon Johnson at (202) 616-0201.

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Williams
Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin R. Smith", written over a horizontal line.

By: Kevin R. Smith
General Counsel